



# Oregon City United Methodist Church Newsletter

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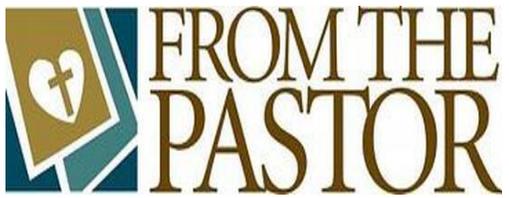
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## Worship Opportunities

**In-person & Live Stream**  
**Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**





To the Faith Family of Oregon City UMC,

***Holiday greetings to you in this season!***

It is definitely official. We have crossed into the 2022 holiday season. Halloween is behind us. Thanksgiving is ahead of us. Advent starts on Thanksgiving's heels which means Christmas is closer than we realize, followed very quickly by New Year. Throw into the mix the excitement and stress of midterm elections this past Tuesday, new bishops being installed in our jurisdiction, planning and meal prep and Christmas lists, and cold weather prep, and world news... You get the idea. There's a lot on our plates during this time of year.

So, this is your reminder...

***REMEMBER TO TAKE A HOLY PAUSE!***

In the business of the season, remember to take retreat moments here and there for rest. Slow down, take a day to do absolutely nothing more than sip coffee and become one with the couch. Or do something solely for you to reset and recharge. Or simply take a day to stop and breathe deep, remembering that you are loved by God and God said sabbath is a holy practice.

Jesus disappeared into secluded places to be in prayer and rest on a regular basis. Even God rested on the seventh day when the work of creation was done. How much more should we imitate our Lord and our God by remembering this holy practice ourselves? How much more do we **need** the holy pause since we ourselves are not divine?

So, in this short moment between Election Day and Thanksgiving, find a moment to simply be, simply breathe, and take care of yourself in sabbath.

In faithful service,

Pastor Tom

**Pastor Tom's Schedule for  
Nov 13 - 19**

Afternoons will be in and out.  
Appointments are always welcome to  
be scheduled.

**Sun:** In person Worship at 10am  
11:15am Quilts of Honor

**Mon:** No office hours

**Tue:** 10am-2pm

**Wed:** 1pm-6pm

5pm: Worship Design Team

6:30pm: Choir Rehearsal

**Thu:** 10am-2pm

1pm Local Pastors Collaboration

**Fri:** 10am-2pm

**Sat:** 11:30am SPRT

2pm Connie Emerson Funeral

## THIS WEEKS EVENTS

### Sunday, November 13

10:00am – Worship  
10:15am – Sunday Fun Zone  
11:00am – Quilts of Honor

### Monday, November 14

8:30am – Preschool

### Tuesday, November 15

8:30am – Preschool  
6:30pm – Diggity Dogs

### Wednesday, November 16

8:30am – Preschool  
1:00pm – HOPE Food Pantry  
5:00pm – Worship Design Team  
6:30pm – Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, November 17

8:30am – Preschool  
10:00am – Ladies' Bible Study  
7:00pm – WFS practice

### Friday, November 18

8:30am – Preschool



## Blessing Cards

As you consider your pledge toward our 2023 Stewardship Drive, we want to share with you some of the ways in which this congregation has been a blessing in people's lives. Your offerings and pledge donations have made this faithful community possible, and your continued pledges will help bring blessings on people's lives for years to come!

- This Faith family has helped the past 1.5 years since my husband of 45 years passed away. Cards, phone calls, bible study, plays and friendships – It has helped me get out of my house and socialize and make deeper friendships.
- When my life fell apart – parent died, child died, and I had a serious injury that was very slow to heal, all within two months – the church family was with me for whatever I needed. It was months and even years before I could feel God with me again, but I knew he was there, somewhere, among my loving church friends.
- OCUMC not only provides me with the word of God, but gives me companionship, and a way to use my talents and express my creativity.



## Quilts of Honor

Join us on Sunday, November 13th, as we recognize some of our veterans. Some of our own Oregon City UMC Faith Family have been nominated to receive a quilt in honor of their service to their country and we are happy to share our gratitude for all they have given. The *Quilts of Honor* ceremony will begin shortly after worship.



## Adult Christian Education Class

**Where:** In the Heritage Room

**When:** 8:30am Sunday Mornings

**What:** As we dive back into our Sunday morning "Searchers" class, we'll start by looking at some of the earliest theologies of the Christian Church. Who better to start with than the Apostle Paul, who himself is responsible for much of how we see God and Christ.

## Interested in Joining OCUM Church?

Our New Members Class is an opportunity to find out more about who we are and what we believe. It is a great way to learn about the church, meet new people, get plugged into OCUMC, and see why being committed and belonging to the church through membership can help you and others in many ways. If you are interested in a New Members Class please contact Pastor Tom to schedule a time



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| OLIVAS, MARIAN  | 11/05 |
| WARD, PAUL      | 11/05 |
| SYTSMA, JOHN    | 11/07 |
| HULDEN, SANDRA  | 11/09 |
| WICKLIFFE, BOB  | 11/12 |
| CRAVEN, RICHARD | 11/20 |
| QUEVEDO, DIEGO  | 11/20 |
| WATT, MARC      | 11/23 |



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

## *Celebration of Life*

In Loving Memory of

**Connie Emmerson**

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm

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### **It's time to update the directory!**

Located in the sanctuary is our current directory, please make any changes there. If everything is correct, put a checkmark by your listing. If there are changes to be made, please cross out the incorrect info and write in the corrections. If you'd like to add your name and/or family to the directory, you can fill out the form below and return to the church office. You can also email the church any changes and your best photo.

### **Our Weekly Giving Moment**



"During my four months in the hospital," Jennifer Loud said, "my church, family and friends prayed nonstop. They organized 24-hour prayer vigils. They rallied around me."

Jennifer, who recently celebrated the two-year anniversary of her double-lung transplant, is thriving. She learned that her donor's gift had saved the lives of four people.

"I believe that I must live my life to its fullest," she said, "and love, enjoy and experience life even more as my expression of appreciation for the gift that was given to me. I must continue to seek and fulfill God's purpose for my life, especially for the extra time that has been added. I must look for and find ways to be of service to others."

"My hope is that others will see the second chance that organ donation has given me and will consider being organ donors themselves."

Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday is an opportunity to consider new ways to follow Jesus and to help others find abundant life.



# Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
7:00 p.m.

This year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by Prince of Life Lutheran Church. Please invite your friends, neighbors and holiday guests.

- ❖ First Baptist Church
- ❖ Oregon City United Methodist
- ❖ St. Paul Episcopal Church
- ❖ UUCWF
- ❖ Zion Lutheran Church



*Pie & coffee  
will be  
served after  
the service.*



# CHRISTMAS FAMILY PROJECT

## Pajama Drive

We are collecting NEW pajamas from infant to XL adult for children & teens of all ages in foster care. Pajamas will be distributed to Bloomin' Boutique.

- Accepting donations of NEW pajamas through Sunday, December 11th
- Donation barrel located in the Church lobby
- If you would prefer to donate money, please mark your check "PJ Drive" and members of Mission Possible will shop for you.





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# Advent Craft Festival

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

2:00pm - 4:00pm

*There is no charge for this event*



Fun for the whole family

Our Worship Center will be filled with craft tables so every member of the family (especially the kids!) can have fun making a variety of Christmas crafts to take home and enjoy.





# Holiday Cookie & Treats Party!

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
11:00am

*Get ready for some Christmas fun!*

After the service on December 18th, we will be having a Holiday Cookie & Treats Party! There will be a variety of homemade cookies & treats to enjoy and plenty to take home.

If you or your family have a favorite Christmas cookie or treat you are invited to bring some to share!



## For your Advent Calendar

### Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 27, 11am.

Help decorate our Worship Center and lobby for the holidays.

### Advent Mailboxes

Save the postage! Put your church family holiday greetings in the mailbox located in the Worship Center starting in December. Put the cards in the box labeled with the first initial of the last name. Don't forget to check for your cards!

### Advent Festival

Sunday, December 4, 2-4pm.

Fun for the whole family! There is no charge for this craft extravaganza that celebrates the season of Advent. This activity is for the families of the Preschool, the church, and the neighborhood. You are welcome to bring friends. Our Worship Center will be filled with craft tables so every member of the family (especially the kids!) can have fun making a variety of Christmas crafts to take home and enjoy.

### Festival of Carols - Sunday, December 11, 10am.

Join us in worship for the retelling of the Christmas story in music and scripture.

### Willamette Falls Christmas Concert - Sunday, December 11, 3pm

### Festive Holiday Attire Contest & Holiday Cookie & Treats Party!

Sunday, December 18, 10am.

We invite you to wear your most Festive Holiday Sweater/Attire to church Sunday morning for a Festive Holiday Contest and then join us after church for the Holiday Cookie & Treats Party!

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 24, 7pm.

Join us for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Bring the whole family and invite a friend to this very special service you won't want to miss!

### Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 25, 10am.

